

## ALL THE NEWS AND GOLF OF SPORTS

JIM HART TALKS  
OF FOUL STRIKEChicago Magnate Criticizes  
Action of Americans.

## WOULD BE STEP BACKWARD

Rule Does Not Hurt the Batting  
Average of Any Free  
Hitter.

"If the American League is looking for a chance to get out from under the national agreement, it can do it by means of the foul strike rule just as well as for any other reason."

This statement has been made by James A. Hart in discussing the attitude of the American League in adopting a resolution opposing the foul strike rule at its recent meeting. Hart said:

"President Harry Pulliam states the case in his announcement when he says that the action of the American League will be a flagrant violation of the national agreement should it drop the foul strike rule without the consent of the National League. The foul strike rule needs no defense. It is no longer an experiment, and the public has accepted it and is satisfied with it. The opposition to the rule comes from Cleveland in the American League, because some of the officials there think that it handicaps Lajoie somewhat in his batting. Perhaps."

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STOPS BOXING BOUTSOfficers of Law Best Spa Athletic Club.  
"Snowball" Puts Watta Out.

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The crowd began to arrive early, but it was 4 o'clock when the principals in the first preliminary put in an appearance. The match was to have been between Jim Janey, of Washington, and a big black fellow named "Snowball," of Baltimore. Janey, it appears, learned the bouts were to be stopped, and refused to fight. In his place was substituted a Baltimore Negro named Watta. Four blows were struck. Snowball hit Watta twice, and each time Watta hit the floor, the second time to stay down.

When the next preliminary was about to begin, a short, stocky man climbed into the ring. "I'm the sheriff of Prince George county, gentlemen, and I can't let this fight take place," said he. The spectators protested, but the enforcement of three deputies showed them the sheriff meant business. He named Watta. Four blows were struck. Snowball hit Watta twice, and each time Watta hit the floor, the second time to stay down.

A representative of the club then took the floor and announced the fight was to be discontinued, but that he could not refund the price of admission, \$2, to each one present, as he had passed in many of them. He would, however, himself much out of pocket. He compromised with the spectators by giving each a ticket and promising to pull off the bout in a few days in the vicinity of Washington. The crowd approved of this action and left the inclosure. Kid Sullivan and Sammy Meyers were to have been the principals in the main bout.

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IN FIFTEEN-ROUND DRAW

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Games,  
Problems, and  
Solutions.

(Games, problems and solutions solicited. Address all communications to Chess Editor, Times office.)

## CORRESPONDENCE.

T. B. C.—Letter sent you. Your second letter received and correction noted. "Suburban"—In a game of cribbage where A leads 8, B plays 7, C plays 9 with a run of three, D can't play, A can't play, and B plays another 7, he is entitled to peg only 3 for the 31 count. If the cards are considered in the reverse order, that is 7, 9, 7, 8, it will be seen that the duplicate 7 is encountered before a sequence has been completed. B is therefore not entitled to score a run.

J. A. H.—Card received. Thanks. Those blanks will be appreciated.

Mr. A. W. Fox has won the second game in his match against C. Curt, the New York expert. Mr. Fox is proving himself from an unknown to a known quantity at a rapid rate. He was defeated in a match with District Champion Sourin prior to his going to New York.

The Rice Gambet is still being thrashed out by the New Yorkers, and the latest report shows 24 to 14 in favor of Black. This gambet, like many others, can never be used in tournaments or where there is a serious chess play, as it is too weak for the White, but like many others of its kind it will be used by the expert to fool some amateur in the American League, because some of the officials there think that it handicaps Lajoie somewhat in his batting. Perhaps."

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IN THE CHESS  
AND CHECKER WORLDEdited by  
W. B.  
Mundelle.

## CHECKERS.

A letter has been received from Henry Hutzel, of Cincinnati, champion of Ohio, and one of the strongest checker players in the country, stating that he will visit this city soon and remain a few days. The local players will be glad to meet the celebrated Western expert and will put in their "best ticks" to entertain him.

"The match for the championship of the District resulted in a victory of 4 to 3 and drawn in favor of Charles Farquhar, the present champion. The score at one time stood 3 to 1 in favor of Mr. Farquhar, but by the aid of some of his "blind twisters" Mr. Farquhar pulled out victor. The close score shows, however, that Mr. Harlan is a "considerable quantity" not only in reality, but in checkers. Two of their games follow:

## Game No. 8.

Played in a series for the championship of the District between Charles Farquhar and S. Harlan.

Harlan's move:  
(Laird and Lady.)  
11-15 15-13 18-25 10-9  
22-19 19-15 30-24 24-20  
8-11 6-8 2-6 7-11b  
22-17 24-22 25-22 27-19  
9-12 6-10 11-16 17-22  
10-14 15-6 25-23 19-15  
18-10 1-3 6-10  
21-14 25-22 28-24a Farquhar won.  
—Must, for 25-21, 10-17, 25-10, 14-7, 3-10, and Black can win.  
1-10, 8-11, 19-15 draws, but 25-21, 7-10 and Black wins.

In another game they played as follows:

## Game No. 9.

Harlan's move:  
(Bristol.)  
11-15 10-15 14-13 1-5  
20-18 24-21 18-25 10-9  
15-19 6-10 10-14 18-23  
23-19 26-25 17-10 27-18  
12-19 12-9 15-14 14-23  
23-18 17-13 22-27 9-6  
9-14 4-8 3-7 2-9  
10-14 6-13 15-14 14-23  
24-18 9-11 7-10 23-26  
25-22 27-24 26-22 30-22  
9-13 Harlan won.

Problem No. 10.  
By George Baker, Peru, Mo. Contributed by T. B. Carson, of this city.

